

notes recorded in his daytimer on May 5, 1995, suggest that by that date he had agreed to raise \$50,000 for the DNC from Indians.²⁵⁴ As explained more fully below in Section II.J., the Indian tribes O'Connor and Kitto introduced to the DNC on April 28 did support the Party financially in the fall of 1995, and further into the 1996 election cycle, to an extent none of them had previously approached.

g. The DNC Contacts DOI and the White House About Hudson

On the heels of his lengthy April 28 meeting with the opponent tribal group, Fowler recalls taking three specific steps. First, he called Ickes and related what he had learned from the tribal representatives about the Hudson matter. Second, he called the Department of the Interior and related this same information to an Interior official. Third, he sent a memo to Ickes concerning the Hudson matter, as a follow-up to his call. Fowler asserts that he can recall no further efforts or contacts on the Hudson matter during the pendency of the application, and that he had no reason to do more than those three things.²⁵⁵

1) DNC Contact with the White House

Fowler testified that within a few days of the Friday afternoon meeting, he called Ickes and informed him of the April 28 meeting and what O'Connor's group had conveyed:

I recall telling him that I had met with this group, that they had a serious question, that it concerned the establishment of an Indian gaming facility in the vicinity of

²⁵⁴The notes read: "Indians – 50 DNC – Larry Kitto," directly above another note reading, "Committee to Reelect." On each of the preceding three days, O'Connor's billing records show that he was in touch with the DNC.

²⁵⁵Fowler's recollection is contradicted at least to the extent that Ickes's assistant, Jennifer O'Connor, recalls that Fowler called and spoke with her directly during the pendency of the Hudson application to inquire about its status. *See infra* at 192.